

There is no room for error or relaxation. "I was a patrol sergeant in Nashville (Tenn.), and one of the things that always bothered me was when an officer would check on a call, have dispatch give an address, ask for a call history and it was the sixth or seventh call of the month," Wynn said. "The officer would say, 'I know this family, don't send any backup.' When we see high recidivism, when somebody is using more violence, one of the biggest reasons is to control somebody. Why

would I need to hit and slap and punch you more? You're about to leave me.

"Separation studies show that most often, if victims are killed, it's at separation," he continued. "That's when three-quarters of officers are killed, too. Don't let your guard down. Ask the question, 'Why are we here so much? Why are the police back again? It's not just a family causing trouble again.'"

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New Resource Will Assist Professionals Working With Crime Victims With Disabilities

Responding to Crime Victims with Disabilities: A Kentucky Resource Guide is now available to law enforcement, victims' services, disability-related services and other professionals from allied fields. The guide can be found at <http://ada.ky.gov/projectsafe.htm>.

"Individuals with disabilities are at extremely high risk of being assaulted or abused," said State Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator Norb Ryan. "One way to improve assistance to these individuals is to ensure that all professionals have access to the same information."

Topics in the guide include specialized ADA information for law enforcement, tips on working with individuals with disabilities, mandatory reporting guidelines, Kentucky court system and criminal justice process, HIPPA and law enforcement, guardianship, domestic violence orders, offered trainings and a directory of assistance agencies. ■